IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A data-providing apparatus attached to a plurality of user apparatuses over a network, said data-providing apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit configured to receive content data transmitted from the plurality of said user apparatus;

a user contents control unit configured to control recording of the content data received by the receiving unit into a recording area corresponding to each user apparatus with a user ID indicating each user who offers the content data to be shared and a shared data flag in a database;

a shared contents control unit configured to control the recorded contents based on the shared data flag;

an editing unit configured to edit the content data in response to a demand by the plurality of user apparatuses, ~~and~~ the editing unit configured to assign identification numbers to the contents data and allocate ~~to edit the contents data by allocating~~ the contents data to a plurality of predetermined scenes based on the assigned identification number, the predetermined scenes composing a scenario selected ~~identified~~ by a user ~~selection~~; and

a data-supplying unit configured to supply content data set to be shared to the plurality of user apparatuses in response to a demand made by the plurality of user apparatuses,

wherein the shared data flag indicates whether the user contents is set to be shared or not, and

wherein the shared data flag is set in the database based on property data edited by the

user when the user transmits the content data.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The data-providing apparatus according to claim 8,

further comprising thumbnail-generating means for generating a thumbnail corresponding to

the content data received by the receiving unit, and thumbnail-transmitting means for

transmitting the thumbnail to a second data-processing apparatus.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The data-providing apparatus according to claim 8,

wherein said shared contents control unit further determines whether the content data should

be paid for its use, when the content data is supplied to a second data-processing apparatus.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The data-providing apparatus according to claim

10, wherein said shared contents control unit further determines a fee for the content data

when the content data is supplied to a second data-processing apparatus.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The data-providing apparatus according to claim

11, wherein said fee is an amount that the data-processing apparatus needs to pay to the

second data-processing apparatus when the content data is supplied to the second data-

processing apparatus.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A data-providing method, said data-providing

method comprising the steps of:

receiving content data transmitted from a plurality of user apparatus;

controlling a recording of the content data received in the receiving step into a

recording area corresponding to each of the plurality of user apparatuses with a user ID

indicating each user who offers the content data to be shared and a shared data flag set by the

user in a database;

controlling recorded contents based on the shared data flag;

editing the content data in response to a demand by the plurality of user apparatuses;

[[,]] and to edit the contents data by

assigning identification numbers to the contents data;

allocating the contents data to a plurality of predetermined scenes based on the

assigned identification numbers, the predetermined scenes composing a scenario selected

identified by a user selection; and

supplying a content data set to be shared to said plurality of user apparatuses in

response to a demand by said plurality of user apparatuses,

wherein the recorded contents are controlled by using the shared data flag that

indicates whether the user contents is set to be shared or not.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A program-storing device for use with a computer,

which stores a computer-readable program, the program performs the steps of

receiving content data transmitted from a plurality of user apparatus;

controlling a recording of the content data received in the receiving step into a

recording area corresponding to each of the plurality of user apparatuses with a user ID

indicating each user who offers the content data to be shared and a shared data flag set by the

user in a database;

controlling recorded contents based on the shared data flag;

editing the content data in response to a demand by the plurality of user

apparatuses;[[,]] ~~and to edit the contents data by~~

assigning identification numbers to the contents data;

allocating the contents data to a plurality of predetermined scenes based on the

assigned identification number, the predetermined scenes composing a scenario selected

~~identified~~ by a user ~~selection~~; and

supplying a content data set to be shared to said plurality of user apparatuses in

response to a demand by said plurality of user apparatuses,

wherein the recorded contents are controlled by using the shared data flag that

indicates whether the user contents is set to be shared or not.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A data-providing apparatus according to claim 8,

further comprising a temporary edition space configured to store the content data for editing.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): A data-providing apparatus according to claim 15,

wherein the content data includes special-effect data and the editing unit edits the

content data at high speed.